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**"SIGNALLING SYSTEM IN A SIGNALLING POINT"** ✓

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**"PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT"**

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10 INVENTION: SIGNALLING SYSTEM IN A SIGNALLING POINT

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15 Amend the above-identified international application before entry into the  
national stage before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. §371  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, before the title, insert --

20 **S P E C I F I C A T I O N**

**TITLE--;**

after the title, insert --

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

## **Field of the Invention**

The present invention is related generally to a signalling system and in particular to an apparatus and method in by which a signalling point communicates with itself using loops.--;

5 before line 2, insert --

## **Description of the Related Art--;**

after line 22, insert --

### **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;**

10 in line 25, delete "a system according to claim 1." and insert --a signalling means for processing signalling messages, including links via which the signalling means is connected to other signalling means, at least one signalling system that sends signalling messages to other signal means or, respectively, receives signalling messages from these via said links, a signalling system that respectively allocates a signalling network identity to a link; and at least one link that is  
15 returned in a loop from the signalling point to the same signalling point, what is referred to as a loop link, whereby different signalling network identities are allocated to the loop link at the output and input side by the signalling system.--;

after line 25, insert --

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

20 Figure 1 is a schematic diagram which shows an embodiment of the invention for the interworking in a signalling point;

Figure 2 is a schematic diagram which shows an embodiment of the invention for the load generation;

25 Figure 3 shows routing tables in the point codes X, 1 and 3 belonging to the embodiment in Figure 2, i.e. in the different networks of the signalling point supported by the system;

Figure 4 is a block diagram which shows an embodiment of the invention for the interworking in combined broadband and narrowband systems;

Figure 5 is a schematic diagram which shows an embodiment of the invention wherein an operator offers inter-network STP services to a number of other network operators; and

Figure 6 shows routing tables belonging to the embodiment in Figure 5.--;

after line 27, insert --

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.**

On page 2, in line 1, delete "said" and insert --the--.

On page 3, in line 1, delete "Said" and insert --The--;  
in line 10, delete "[sic]"; and  
in line 15, delete "said" and insert --the--.

On page 4, in line 26, delete "[sic]".

On page 5, in line 4, delete "[!!!!!!!!]";  
in line 16, before "primary" insert --a--; and  
after line 22, add the following new paragraph --

Although other modifications and changes may be suggested by those skilled in the art, it is the intention of the inventors to embody within the patent warranted hereon all changes and modifications as reasonably and properly come within the scope of their contribution to the art.--.

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

On substitute page 6, line 1, change "New Patent Claims" to --I Claim:--.

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) [Signalling means] A signalling apparatus for processing  
2 signalling messages, comprising  
-- links via which the signalling [means] apparatus is connected to other  
4 signalling [means] apparatus,  
-- at least one signalling system that sends signalling messages to the other  
6 signal [means] apparatus or, respectively, receives signalling messages  
from the other signalling apparatus [these] via said links,  
8 [characterized by]  
-- [a] said signalling system that respectively allocates a signalling network  
10 identity to said links [a link];  
-- at least one of said links that is returned in a loop from [the] a signalling  
12 point to the [same] signalling point[, what is referred to] as a loop link,  
[whereby] different signalling network identities being [are] allocated to  
14 the loop link at [the] an output and input side by the signalling system.

- 2.(Amended) [Signalling means] A signalling apparatus according to  
2 claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein said signalling system, with [the]  
assistance of a said loop link[,] communicates signalling messages between two  
4 other signalling systems contained in the signalling [means] to which is  
respectively provided [comprises] an interface.

- 3.(Amended) [Signalling means] A signalling apparatus according to  
2 claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein said signalling system generates internal  
load for test purposes with [the] assistance of [at least one] said loop link.

2 4.(Amended) [Signalling means] A signalling apparatus according to  
claim 1, wherein [characterized in that] said signalling system realizes an  
interworking [Internetworking *[sic]*] communication with other networks with  
4 [the] assistance of a said loop link.

2 5.(Amended) [Signalling means] A signalling apparatus according to [one  
of the claims] claim 1 [through 4], wherein [characterized in that] said signalling  
system is a signalling system according to No. 7 and allocates [the] a same  
4 network identifier [(NI)] to said loop link at the output and input side.

2 6.(Amended) [Method] A method for signalling in a signalling means,  
comprising the steps of: [in accord wherewith]  
-- [a signalling system of the signalling means allocates] allocating signalling  
4 network identities to [the] links of [the] a signalling [means] apparatus by  
a signalling system;  
6 -- [the signalling system allocates] allocating different signalling network  
identities at [the] an output and input side to a link[, what is referred to] as  
8 [the] a loop link[,] that is returned from the signalling apparatus [means] to  
[the] a same signalling means in a loop.

7.(Amended) [Method] A method according to claim 6, further comprising  
2 the steps of: employing [characterized in that a] said loop link [is employed] by  
said signalling system [in order] to communicate signalling messages between  
4 two further signalling systems of the signalling means having [to which it  
comprises] a respective interface.

8.(Amended) [Method] A method according to claim 6, further comprising  
2 the step of: employing [characterized in that a] said loop link [is employed] by  
said signalling system to generate load for test purposes.

9.(Amended) [Method] A method according to claim 6, further comprising  
2 the steps of: employing [characterized in that a] said loop link [is employed] by  
said signalling [in order] to enable [a desired Internetworking [sic]] with other  
4 networks [for a network].

10.(Amended) [Method] A method according to [one of the claims] claim  
2 6 [through 9], further comprising the steps of: [characterized in that a common NI  
is allocated] to [a] said loop link at [the] an output and input side by said  
4 signalling system.

#### **IN THE ABSTRACT**

Delete lines 2 and 8.

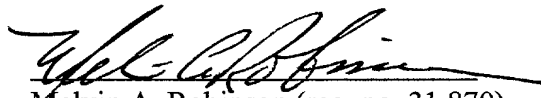
#### **REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments to the specification and claims under Article  
41 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty place the application into a form for  
prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. §371.



Accordingly, entry of these amendments before examination on the merits is hereby requested.

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## SIGNALLING SYSTEM IN A SIGNALLING POINT

In channel-related signalling systems, for example in the signalling system R5, it is possible that a signalling point communicates or, respectively, sets up a connection with itself via a payload channel loop. This is not possible in the signalling system ZGS7 (see below). However, such loops are advantageous for solving a number of problems. For the interworking of different signalling systems, it is a critical simplification in the realization when all signalling systems interwork with a selected signalling system and not each with each. Further, such loops are advantageous in order to be able to test systems with high traffic. Finally, monitors can be attached to such loops. Different traffic flows can then be supplied for observation on the basis of purely administrative measures (without hardware re-strapping).

In ZGS7, a signalling point is identified by an address, what is referred to as the signalling point code. The level 3 of the message transfer parts cannot send a message to its own signalling point code or, respectively, cannot receive a message from itself. Certain users of the message transfer part, for example TUP and ISUP, can also normally not send channel-related messages to themselves, even if the message transfer part were to enable this. In order to nonetheless enable such loops, specific methods have been implemented that are essentially comprised therein that specific signalling channels form loops on which destination and/or sender address are inverted/complemented. Similar, user-specific modifications must be potentially implemented for users.

The invention is based on the object or enabling loop formation without said disadvantages.

This object is achieved by a system according to claim 1.

The invention is explained in greater detail below with the assistance of the drawing, whereby the drawing comprises six Figures.

In ZGS7, a network is identified by what is referred to as a network indicator (NI) that is contained in the messages. 2 bits for the NI are reserved in the messages; up to four networks can thus be distinguished from one another in a node

(said networks can, for example, be a matter of the signalling networks of communication networks of different operators or different technologies (for example, broadband or narrowband) as well as a matter of national or, respectively, international signalling networks). Since a signalling link normally belongs to only one network, however, the perception has prevailed that allocating individual links to specific networks suffices for distinguishing the network. The NI is thus no longer required as a distinguishing feature.

In fact, there are communication systems that support more than four signalling networks (for example, 8 or 32), for example the EWSD system of Siemens AG, or such systems are being planned. A network identity is thereby internally allocated to each signalling link and an NI is externally allocated to each internal network identity. Networks with different internal identity can thereby definitely use the same external NI. Each (internal) network is thereby completely separated from the other networks.

This concept, what is referred to as the multiple network concept, is then employed for operating loops in ZGS7 without requiring additional development. The signalling system in a signalling point is identified in two (internal) networks by different point codes. These two networks can then be unproblematically connected to one another by signalling links. When a check of the incoming NI for correctness is implemented in the system or, respectively, in at least one of the two networks to be interworked with one another, then the same external NI must also be allocated to the two internal networks. Note: when there is no mapping of incoming linkset onto NI and different networks must be monitored by a single, shared network entity (protocol realization), the NI therefor must be taken to identify the “responsible” network (the applicable routing table). Without a check, for example, it is thereby possible that a message from one network is illegally forwarded into another network due to the employment of an incorrect NI, which can lead to disadvantageous behavior in the other network (this could be referred to as *uncontrolled* tunneling since it is externally triggered and can no longer be controlled in the node).

Said arrangement is referred to below as network or, respectively, signalling tunnel. Embodiments of the invention are explained in greater detail below.

Figure 1 shows an embodiment of the invention for the interworking in a signalling point.

An ISUP is located both in the internal network 1 as well as 2. Externally, the two networks use the same NI but different point codes. A call between R1 and R2 is routed via the ISUP loop. It suffices for this purpose to correspondingly configure the ZGS7 routing tables in both networks as well as the routing tables for the call processing (R1 and R2 in ISUP) and to accomplish [sic] the necessary trunks and signalling tunnels for the ISUP loop.

An interworking is realized between CCITT signalling system R1 and ISUP as well as between CCITT signalling system R2 and ISUP but not between R1 and R2. A call that is supposed to run from R1 to R2 is first handed over outgoing to the ISUP by the call processing, said ISUP routing the MSU belonging to this connection setup via the signalling tunnel to the ISUP of the other network. Coming from R1, thus, the call is thus first handed over to the ISUP in network 1. Using the called party address signalled by R1, the ISUP determines the next destination with the appertaining DPC (DPC=9), enters this DPC into the MSUs and then hands over these MSUs to the MTP of ZGS7. The MTP takes the DPC from the MSUs and, on the basis of its routing table for network 1, determines the link (a loop link) therefrom via which it further-routes the MSU. The ISUP in network 2 receives the MSUs from the MTP and in turn hands over the MSUs and, thus, the call to the call processing. On the basis of its routing table, the call processing then determines that the call is forwarded via R2.

Figure 2 shows an embodiment of the invention for the load generation.

Figure 3 shows routing tables in the point codes X, 1 and 3 belonging to the embodiment in Figure 2, i.e. in the different networks of the signalling point supported by the system.

For example, 6 networks are established in the system and cyclically connected to one another by network tunnels. Two networks (networks 2 and 3 here)

are also connected to a protocol test device that emulates a point code (X and Y here) in each of the two networks. All networks employ the same NI.

These routing tables in the networks in the system are configured such that network 3 routes MSUs that contain a destination point code PC=X to network 4, and  
 5 network 4 routes them farther to network 5, etc. The routing tables are analogously configured in the opposite direction for PC=Y. A message generated by the test device is thus routed through the system six times, as a result whereof high system loads can be generated with relatively simple test devices. Further variations of this application are the incorporation of the users (for example, ISUP) or, on the other  
 10 hand, completely closed loops wherein MSUs constantly circulate.

Figure 4 shows an embodiment of the invention for the interworking in combined broadband and narrowband systems.

The SSNC is the shared MTP platform in the EWSD broadband node. B-ISUP is located only in the EWSX part, N-ISUP in the EWSD and EWSX. In order  
 15 to enable an NNI (trunk) interworking in the EWSD broadband node bet. broadband and narrowband without additional development, the interworking between N-ISUP in the EWSD and N-ISUP in the system EWSX can be achieved by the described signalling tunnel.

Figure 5 shows an embodiment of the invention wherein an operator (for  
 20 example, D1) offers inter-network STP services to a number of other network operators (for example, D2, E+, E2). This exemplary embodiment can be employed for certain practically relevant expressions of the incoming linkset/DPC screening (see Q.706, §8).

D1 should thereby be able to interwork with all other networks, D2 with  
 25 D1 and E+, E+ with D1 and D2, and E2 only with D1. This function can be solved [sic] with a plurality of internal networks connected by tunnels. A separate internal network is thereby allocated to the links to a respective network operator. The individual networks are connected by tunnels in conformity with the allowed signalling relationships. The routing tables in the individual networks are configured  
 30 in conformity with the allowed relationships.

Alternatively, the traffic between the networks can also be routed via an internal transition network (see the example from Figure 1). This has the advantage that fewer tunnels are potentially required. On the other hand, traffic between the networks then gotta go through two tunnels. [!!!!!!!] It is thereby probable in this embodiment that the internal networks are based on a common external address space, i.e. that there's really only one network externally. In our example, this network would be what is referred to as the network interworking. Seen from the outside, the different internal networks look like separate STP connected to one another according to the rules.

10                   Figure 6 shows routing tables belonging to the embodiment in Figure 5.

                  These routing tables in the four logical internal networks of the signalling point show allowed primary and, potentially, secondary routes to the respectively other networks, whereby these routes are identified by the respectively next point code. The row marked with D2 in the first table, for example, thereby symbolically stands for all destinations (point codes) in D2 that are allowed to be selected proceeding from D1. The direct link(set) to  $P_c=b$  is thereby taken as primary route. If this link(set) happens to have failed, the route via  $PC=c$  can be taken as secondary route since a route to D2 is also present therefrom. The "external" routes, for example from  $P_c=a$  into the D1 network, are not recited here since they're not relevant.

20                   The explained embodiments of the invention have shown that an existing mechanism ("multiple networks") can be employed without additional outlay for a number of applications as a result of the inventive configuration.

**New Patent Claims**

1. Signalling means for processing signalling messages, comprising

-- links via which the signalling means is connected to other signalling means,

5 -- at least one signalling system that sends signalling messages to other signal means or, respectively, receives signalling messages from these via said links,

characterized by

10 -- a signalling system that respectively allocates a signalling network identity to a link;

-- at least one link that is returned in a loop from the signalling point to the same signalling point, what is referred to as a loop link, whereby different signalling network identities are allocated to the loop link at the output and input side by the signalling system.

15 2. Signalling means according to claim 1, characterized in that said signalling system, with the assistance of a said loop link, communicates signalling messages between two other signalling systems contained in the signalling means to which is respectively comprises an interface.

20 3. Signalling means according to claim 1, characterized in that said signalling system generates internal load for test purposes with the assistance of at least one said loop link.

4. Signalling means according to claim 1, characterized in that said signalling system realizes an Internetworking [sic] with other networks with the assistance of a said loop link.

25 5. Signalling means according to one of the claims 1 through 4, characterized in that said signalling system is a signalling system according to No. 7 and allocates the same network identifier (NI) to said loop link at the output and input side.

6. Method for signalling in a signalling means, in accord wherewith

- a signalling system of the signalling means allocates signalling network identities to the links of the signalling means;
- the signalling system allocates different signalling network identities at the output and input side to a link, what is referred to as the loop link, that is returned from the signalling means to the same signalling means in a loop.

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7. Method according to claim 6, characterized in that a said loop link is employed by said signalling system in order to communicate signalling messages between two further signalling systems of the signalling means to which it comprises a respective interface.

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8. Method according to claim 6, characterized in that a said loop link is employed by said signalling system to generate load for test purposes.

9. Method according to claim 6, characterized in that a said loop link is employed by said signalling in order to enable a desired Internetworking [sic] with other networks for a network.

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10. Method according to one of the claims 6 through 9, characterized in that a common NI is allocated to a said loop link at the output and input side by said signalling system.



**Abstract****Signalling System in a Signalling Point**

- Loops via which a signalling point communicates with itself are advantageous for solving various problems. According to the invention, a loop is
- 5 enabled by a link that is returned in a loop from a signalling point to the same signalling point and to which two different signalling network identities are allocated at the output and input side.

Figure 5

FIG 1: Interworking via ISUP

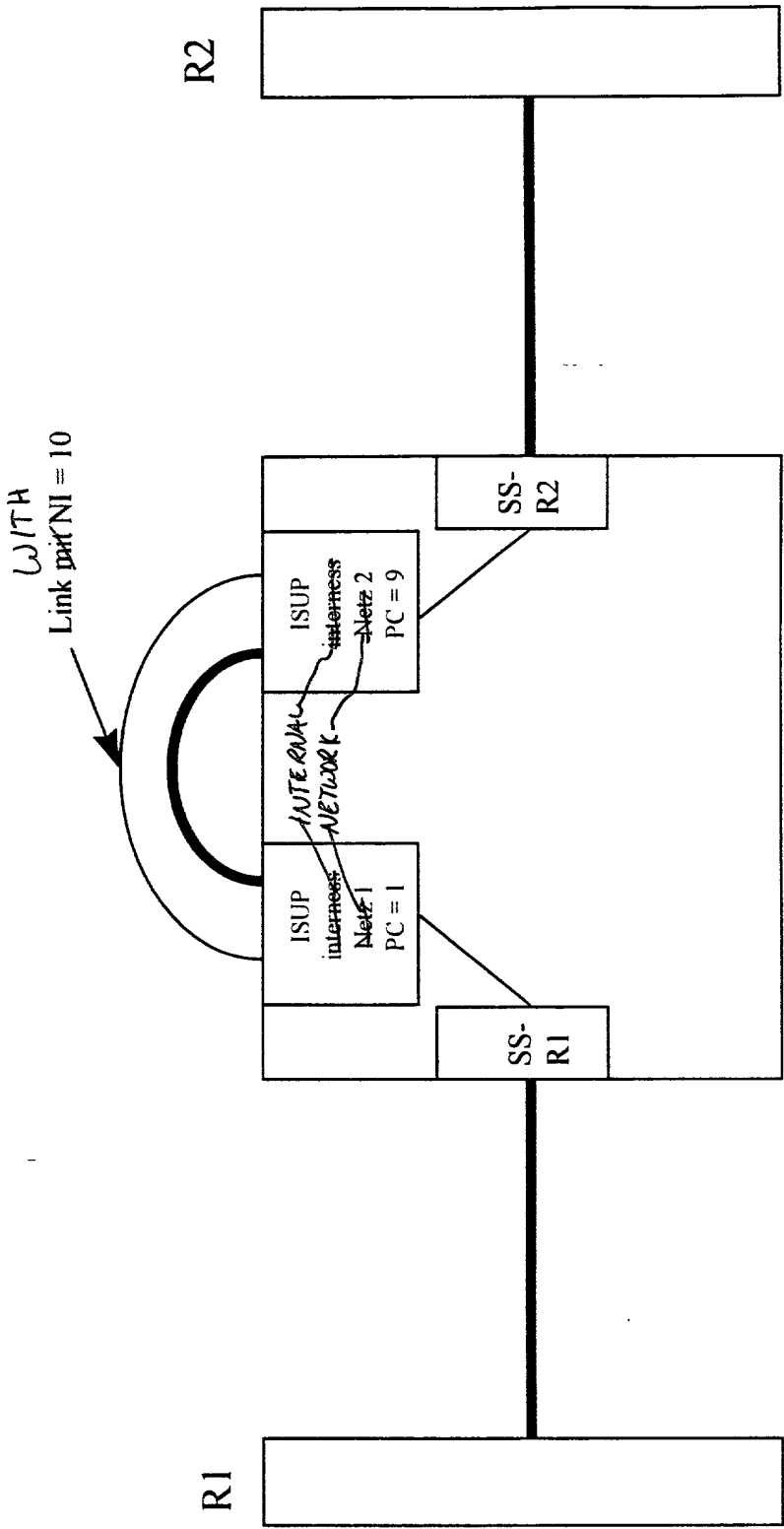


FIG 2: Lastgenerierung  
LOAD GENERATOR

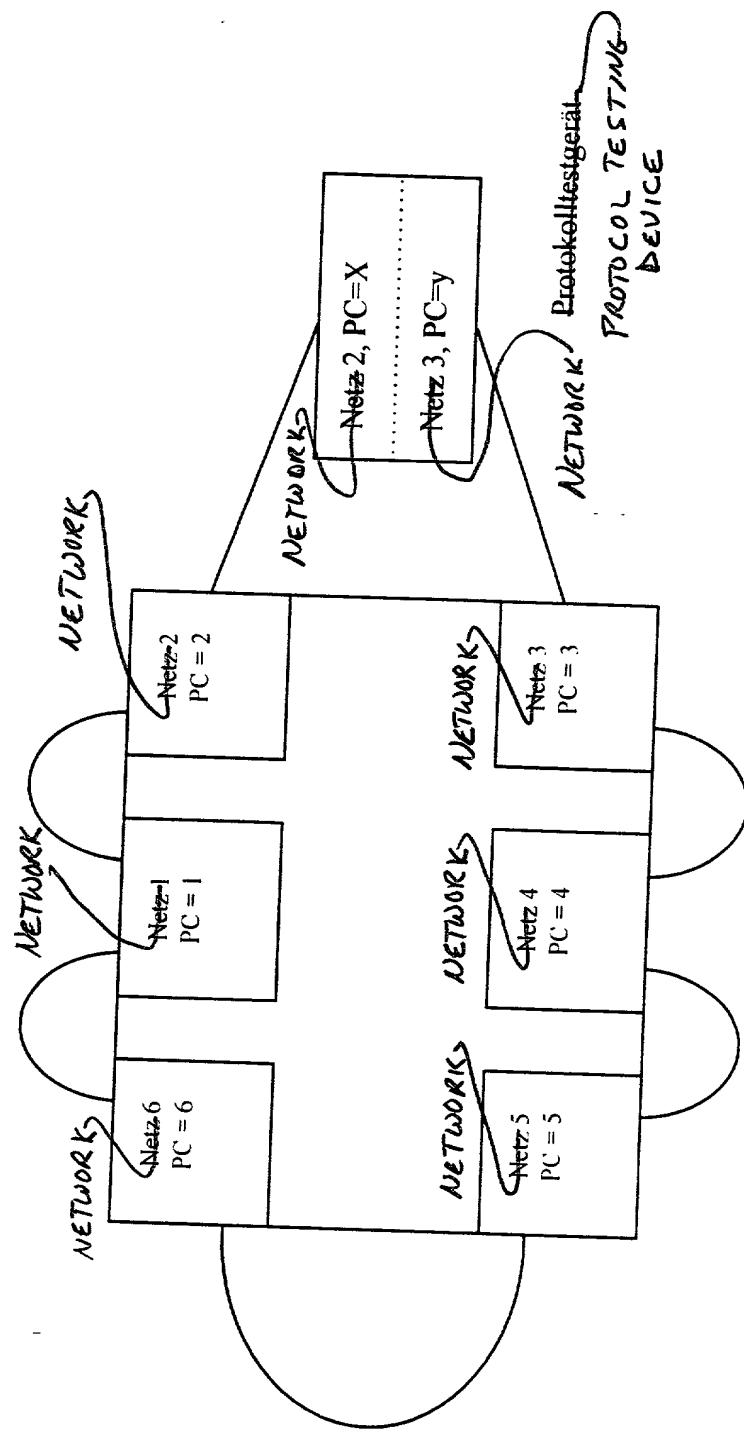


FIG 3: Routing Tabellen zum Beispiel in FIG 2 (Lastgenerierung)

TABLES FOR EXAMPLE LOAD GENERATOR

Routing Tabelle in Pointcode X  
FOR POINT CODE

Zum Pointcode To Point Code	verwendete direkten Linkset zu Pointcode
X	--
Y	2
1	2
2	2
3	2
4	2
5	2
6	2

Routing Tabelle in Pointcode 1  
POINT CODE

Zum Pointcode To Point Code	verwendete direkten Linkset zu Pointcode
X	2
Y	6
1	--
2	2
3	6
4	6
5	6
6	6

EMPLOY DIRECT LINK SET TO POINT CODE

Routing Tabelle in Pointcode 3  
TABLE POINT CODE

Zum Pointcode To Point Code	verwendete direkten Linkset zu Pointcode
X	4
Y	Y
1	4
2	4
3	--
4	4
5	4
6	4

EMPLOY DIRECT LINK SET TO POINT CODE

FIG 4: Interworking in <sup>COMBINED</sup> BROADBAND AND NARROW BAND SYSTEM  
(EWS D Broadband Node)  
(EWS D Broadband Node)

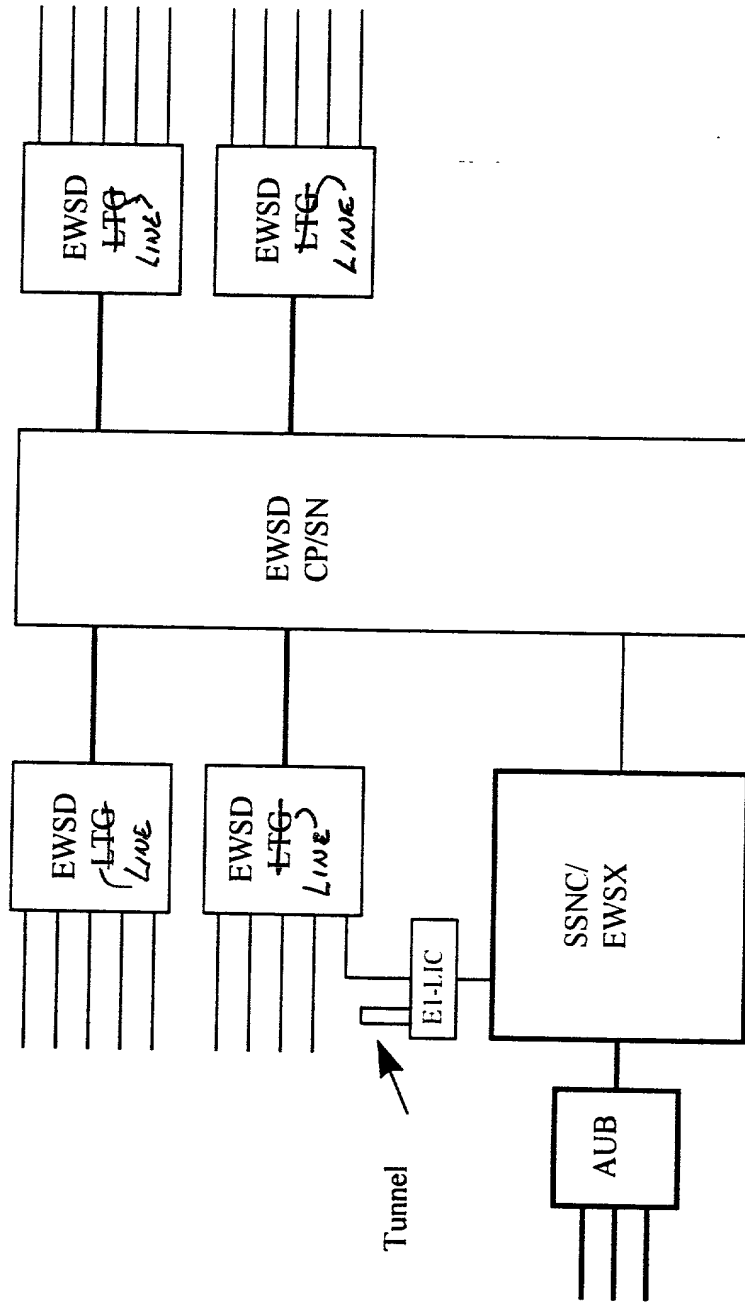
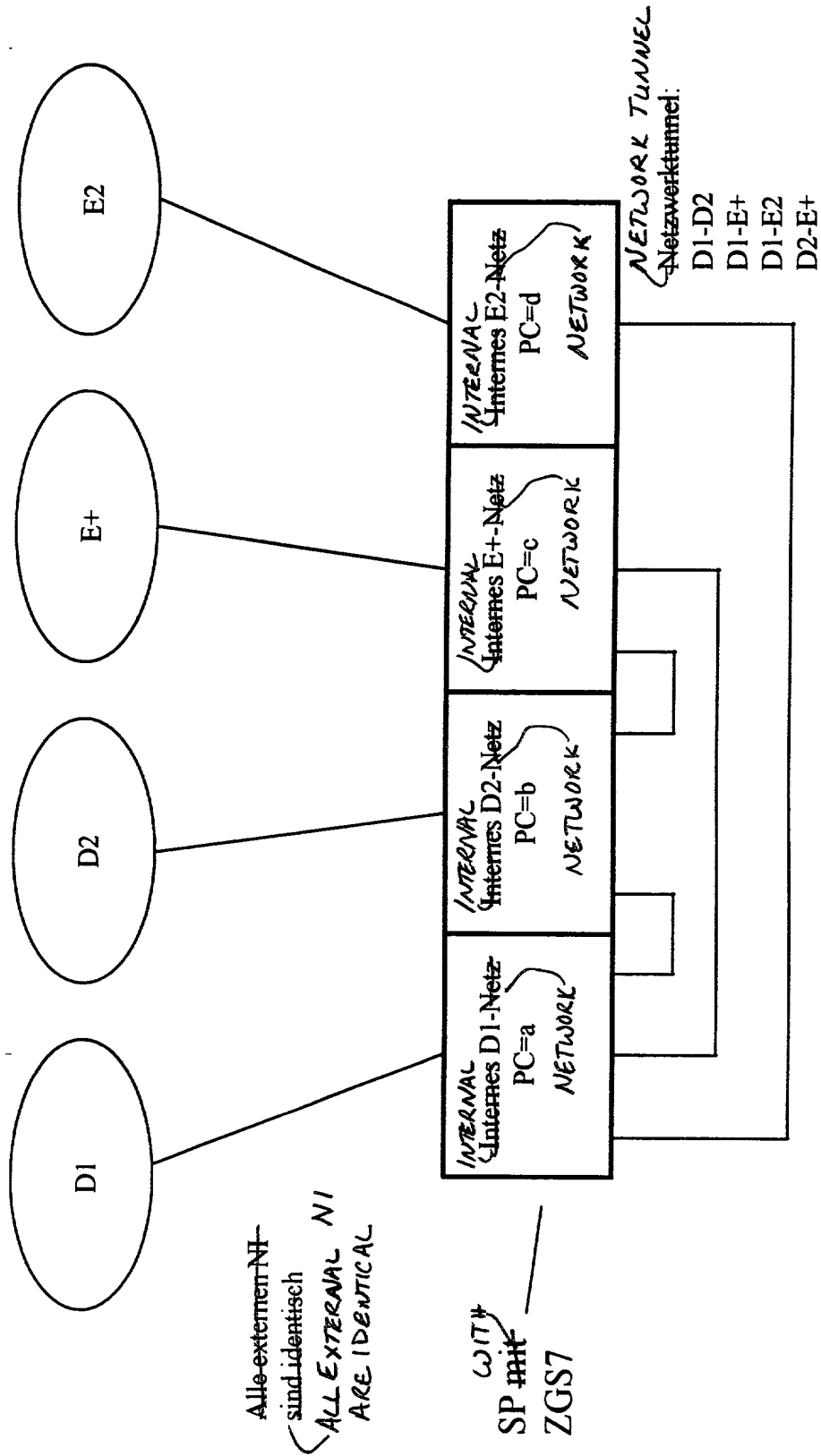


FIG 5: Incoming Linkset/DPC Screening



TABLES FOR EXAMPLE  
 FIG 6: Routing Tabellen zum Beispiel in FIG 5 (Incoming Linkset/DPC  
 Screening) für Tunnel-Routen-  
 ROUTES

D1		
D2	b	c
E+	c	b
E2	d	--

D2		
D1	a	c
E+	c	a
E2	--	--

E+		
D1	a	b
D2	b	a
E2	--	--

E2		
D1	a	--
D2	--	--
E+	--	--

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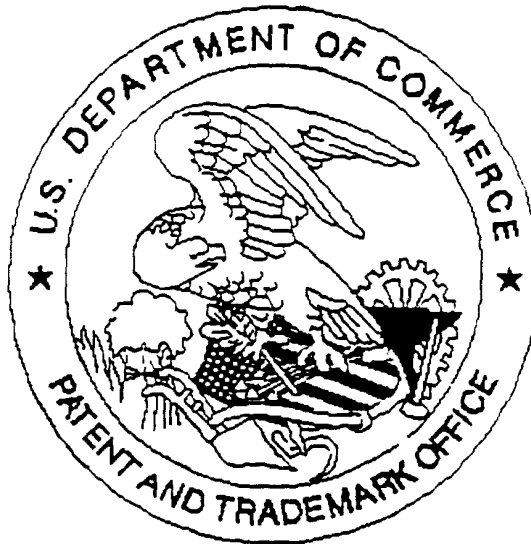
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